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### SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING SLATED TO REVIEW H.R. 561, "PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT OF 1993"

For immediate release, Wednesday, October 27, 1993

WASHINGTON -- The House Agriculture Subcommittee on Department Operations and Nutrition has scheduled a hearing to review H.R. 561, the "Private Property Protection Act of 1993," announced Subcommittee Chairman Charles Stenholm, D-Texas.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 3, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 1300 of the Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Introduced by Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif., the legislation requires, among other things, federal agencies to establish procedures for assessing whether federal regulations would result in the taking of private property.

"Private property rights are a fundamental cornerstone in this country. This legislation attempts to address the increasing challenges that property owners face as a result of federal, state and local government actions," said Stenholm.

"Right now, the government can prohibit individuals from certain operations, such as timber harvesting or agricultural uses, on their own property, and not be liable if the entire value of the land is diminished," said Ranking Minority Member Bob Smith, R-Ore. "It is my view that the federal government ought not have the right to tell you what you can and can't do with your own property, and then not have to pay compensation when property values are diminished," added Smith.

The Subcommittee expects to hear from agriculture organizations and affected lending institutions, environmental organizations, and academia.

For additional information concerning the hearing, contact Stan Ray of the Subcommittee staff at 202-225-1495.

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